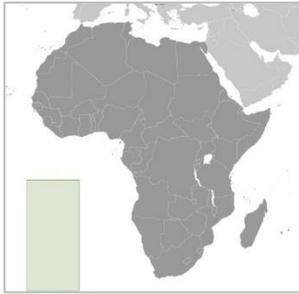


# SAINT HELENA, ASCENSION, & TRISTAN DA CUNHA



## INTRODUCTION

Saint Helena, Ascension Island, and the island group of Tristan da Cunha were discovered by the Portuguese in the early 1500s. Saint Helena was garrisoned by the British during the 17th century and Napoleon BONAPARTE was exiled and later died there in 1821. The British garrisoned Ascension Island in 1815 to prevent a rescue of Napoleon. The island hosts one of four ground antennas that support the Global Positioning System. Tristan da Cunha consists of Tristan da Cunha, Nightingale, Inaccessible, and Gough Islands.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

Queen ELIZABETH II

### Head of Government

Governor Philip RUSHBROOK

### Government Type

Overseas Territory of the UK with limited self-government; parliamentary democracy

### Capital

Jamestown

### Legislature

unicameral Legislative Council (17 seats)

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 394 sq km

Land: 122 sq km Saint Helena Island, 88 sq km Ascension Island, 194 sq km Tristan da Cunha island group

Water: 0 sq km

### Climate

Saint Helena: tropical marine; mild, tempered by trade winds; Ascension Island: tropical marine; mild, semi-arid; Tristan da Cunha: temperate marine; mild, tempered by trade winds

### Natural Resources

fish, lobster

as of October 2021

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

upper middle-income, British Atlantic Ocean territorial economy; native (but pegged to British pound) currency user on 2 of 3 islands; significant UK financial support; unique land/farming commune structure; military-related economic activity; sport fishing locale

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$31.1 million (2009 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$7,800 (2009 est.)

**Industries** - construction, crafts (furniture, lacework, fancy woodwork), fishing, collectible postage stamps

**Agricultural products** - coffee, corn, potatoes, vegetables, fish, lobster, livestock, timber

**Exports** \$19 million (2004 est.)

crustaceans, fish, integrated circuits, air conditioners, clothing/apparel (2019)

**partners:** US 47%, Japan 12%, South Korea 10%, France 9%, Australia 5% (2019)

**Imports** \$20.53 million (2010 est.)

refined petroleum, cranes, communion wafers, iron sheeting, cars and vehicle parts (2019)

**partners:** UK 65%, South Africa 21% (2019)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

7,920 (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

0.14% (2021 est.)

### Ethnicity

African descent 50%,  
White 25%, Chinese 25%

### Language

English

### Religion

Protestant 75.9% (includes Anglican 68.9, Baptist 2.1%, Seventh Day Adventist 1.8%, Salvation Army 1.7%, New Apostolic 1.4%), Jehovah's Witness 4.1%, Roman Catholic 1.2%, other 2.5% (includes Baha'i), unspecified 0.8%, none 6.1%, no response 9.4% (2016 est.)

note: data represent Saint Helena only

